Garrison's Probe Shifts to Others With Oswald Name

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NEW ORLEANS, May 4—District Attorney Jim Garrison has been collecting men named Oswald for questioning this week.

Julius J. Oswald was subpoenaed to Garrison's office today in the District Attorney's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Oswald refused to talk to newsmen as he arrived and slipped out a back door as he left. Julius Oswald reportedly has been employed as a clerk at the Standard Coffee Co. in New Orleans where Lee Harvey Oswald was briefly employed in 1963.

Yesterday it was William Oswald's turn. A sandy-haired, freckle-faced young man, he was questioned by Garrison's investigators for about 30 minutes.

William Oswald, in turn, told newsmen that he had an uncle, also named William Oswald, who had once recommended Lee Harvey Oswald for a job at Standard Coffee.

The nephew said he had never met Lee Harvey Oswald himself, but that his uncle had, apparently in 1963.

Both William Oswalds live in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie. Asked if they were related to Lee Harvey Oswald, the younger William Oswald stammered, "Well, I couldn't say."

The questioning of the Oswalds produced no visible results. Meanwhile, Louisiana officials have been asked for assurances that Gordon Novel, whom Garrison has been seeking to extradite from Ohio, will not be questioned about the assassination.

Ohio Gov. James Rhodes made the request of Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen. Garrison has asked for Novel's extradition on the strength of a burglary charge, but Garrison has also described the 29-year-old Novel as a material witness in his assassination probe. Novel formerly operated a night club in New Orleans' French Quarter.

John M. McElroy, assistant to the Ohio Governor, wrote McKeithen last week that "persistent press reports" indicated Garrison was really seeking Novel's extradition for questioning in the investigation of the President's death.

McElroy suggested McKeithen's extradition request include a statement "expressly disclaiming" any such motive. If Garrison wants Novel's testimony, McElroy said, then the District Attorney should use Ohio's Uniform Out-of-State Witness Act, which has also been adopted by Louisiana.

Under that Act, Louisiana would have to grant Novel immunity from prosecution in order to get him back for questioning connected with the assassination.

Garrison termed Rhodes' request "one of the most incredible things I've ever seen. The obstacles they have put in front of us are amazing."